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Dear Mr. Drago,

I have questions about Biamonte, whether he exaggerates, for example, from what you quote, "Officially, I was a legal attache...but I was in fact an FBI agent..." And that he followed "the Italian leads into the Warren investigation."

EVERY FBI Legal attache is an FBI agent and Biamonte had to know that. For the most part, they had liaison roles and were not operative, although there are instances where there were operations despite the fact that there were to be none.

Although it is obvious that he axaggerated in saying that " every cop in Italy knew me," it is certain that those who knew him knew he was both an FBI agent and the legal attache in Rome. So why this kind of knowingly dishonest representation of himself?

There was not a single substantial lead to be followed in Italy for the Commission or for the FBI itself. It did not give everything to the Commission. But it did follow leads and get information, through Italian authorities. Dor example, copies of newspapers, particularly Communist.

The liaison worked both ways, of course, so there never was any question about his role or why he was doing whatever he did.

I can understand your interest in treating the assassination as fiction. When I had a seemingly insurmountable publisher opposition to treating the subject forthrightly and accurately I thought for a while of a novel. But I soon learned I'm not a novelist! I do not believe, however, that on such a subject authors should be other than completely and resolutely responsible and notin any way mislead the people. I've pretty much kept up with the overt fiction and the pretended non-fiction thatx is fiction and I can t think of any one, regardless of the medium, that did not mislead and misinform.

Your books went out in today's mail. I forgot to include the order form that we usually include so here is an extra one.

Happy hunting!

Harold

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